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**RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**MAILED AUGUST 15, 2007**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir/Madam:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed August 15, 2007, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the above-identified patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The Listing of claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.